



# League of Women Voters of Scarsdale Newsletter

The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale (LWVS) is a volunteer, nonpartisan political organization which promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League is nonpartisan in that it does not support or oppose any candidate for public office; it is political in that it takes positions on selected governmental issues after serious member study and consensus.

## November/December 2013

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### CALENDAR

#### November

Tuesday	5		Election Day	
Wednesday	13		CNC Election	Village Hall
Monday	18	9am	Board Meeting	Village Hall 3rd Floor

#### December

Monday	9	9am	Board Meeting	Village Hall 3rd Floor
		10:30am	Gen. Memb & Consensus Mtg. (Village Election System)	

#### January

Monday	13	9am	Board Meeting	Village Hall 3rd Floor
Wednesday	15		SBNC Election	Middle School

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**Don't Forget To Vote!**



**Election Day is  
Tuesday, November 5th**

Wednesday	15		SBNC Election	Middle School
Thursday	23	1pm	Naturalization Court	WP Court House
Saturday	25	5-7pm	Winter Fundraiser	65 Church Lane
Monday	27	9am	Gen Memb & Consensus Mtg (School Election System)	Village Hall 3rd Floor

**More Calendar Information:**

[Click Here](#) to view and download the LWV of Scarsdale 2013-14 Calendar.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It has been a busy fall for the League.

Continuing our efforts in voter education, the League sponsored a Candidates' Forum on October 24th. Thanks to Jacquie Walter who coordinated the event, the forum provided voters the opportunity to hear the candidates for the County Board of Legislators seat, 5th Legislative District, Benjamin Boykin II and Miriam Leavitt Flisser, articulate their positions on local issues of concern and respond to questions, including on affordable housing, flood mitigation and fiscal management. The taping of the forum will be aired on cable TV channel 75 and Verizon channel 43. Please check our website, [www.lwvs.org](http://www.lwvs.org), for broadcast times. Please remember -- your vote does count - VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5th.

On October 18th, we were delighted to feature David J. Kennedy, Chief of the Civil Rights Unit, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, as the speaker at our Food for Thought luncheon. Through his engaging and incisive presentation, David highlighted pertinent provisions of the federal Voting Rights Act and discussed the recent ruling by the Supreme Court in *Shelby County* and the impact of the decision on the ability to use a critical provision of the Voting Rights Act to protect citizens from voting rights violations. Audience members were absorbed in the program and eagerly took the opportunity to ask questions. We are grateful to Cindy Dunne for arranging for David to speak to us (and even more thankful that the government shutdown ended the day before the luncheon) and to Anne Lyons for organizing this annual event.

League members enthusiastically staffed a table under the supervision of Voter Services chair Linda Doucette-Ashman at the Southern Westchester Food and Wine Festival in the Village on September 30th

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to assist new residents and residents from in and out of town with voter registration. Linda also continued her work to educate the public about the upcoming general election and the six ballot proposals (please visit <http://www.lwvs.org/voterinfo.html> for more information). In addition, Linda and Pam Fuehrer assisted in the enormous task of packaging, labeling and distributing to local libraries throughout Westchester County 8,700 Voters Guides prepared by the Westchester County League and upon which County residents have come to rely at election time.

In our action/advocacy role, we concluded our study of the proposed amendment to the Village Code in connection with the installation of Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) on Village rights of way by holding a consensus meeting last month. Thank you Linda Doucette-Ashman for leading our consensus discussion. Our consensus statement was read at a recent Village board meeting and is posted at:

[http://www.lwvs.org/files/das\\_consensus\\_statement\\_final.pdf](http://www.lwvs.org/files/das_consensus_statement_final.pdf).

Our next study will be to evaluate the Village election system, namely the nonpartisan system of electing representatives to the Citizens Nominating Committee (CNC). We will hold our general membership meeting on December 9th at 10:30 a.m. in Village Hall, followed by our consensus meeting for League members. I look forward to your participation in our evaluation process. Don't forget to vote in the CNC election on November 13th!

I cannot state often enough that the League could not carry on its work without you, our members. We thank you for your continued support, through your involvement in our activities by volunteering, attending meetings and events, reading our Bulletins and e-blasts, and visiting our website, but most importantly, for simply joining the League. Please renew your membership if you haven't yet done so. We rely upon your generosity to continue to thrive. The membership form can be found at:

[http://www.lwvs.org/join\\_form.html](http://www.lwvs.org/join_form.html).

Lastly, we appreciate your help in reaching out to your friends and including them in our events. We had a wonderful turnout for our membership outreach coffee and our Food for Thought luncheon last month and I know that it is in large part due to members encouraging others to attend and learn about the League (in addition to the steadfast efforts of our intrepid membership chair Janice Starr!).

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars now for one of our favorite events, our Winter Fundraiser, on Saturday, January 25th from 5 to 7 pm. Janice Starr has graciously offered to open her home to the League. I know the evening will be warm and wonderful.

Wishing you all the very best as the holidays approach,

Susie Rush

**JOIN THE LEAGUE!**

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**Have you renewed your League Membership?  
Perhaps you're not sure!?!**

[CLICK HERE](#) to drop a note to Janice Starr  
to double-check.

You can print a copy of a membership registration form from our website.  
[CLICK HERE](#) to download and print the membership form. We appreciate your support!

Please mail the check and form to:  
LWVS P.O. Box 495  
Scarsdale, New York 10583

**You have an important role to play in the League's future!**

**CITIZENS NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**LOCAL ELECTIONS FOR CNC**

The LWVS urges all Scarsdale residents to vote in the upcoming Citizens Nominating Committee ("CNC") election on Wednesday, November 13th at Scarsdale Village Hall. Polls will be open from 7 am to 9:30 am and from 2 to 7 pm. The CNC, comprised of 30 elected representatives, six each from the five voting districts, interviews and selects non-partisan candidates for village office in the village election in March. Voters may vote by mail-in ballot. A downloadable mail-in ballot and instructions on how to vote by mail is available on the Procedure Committee website,

[scarsdaleprocedurecommittee.org/forms.php](https://scarsdaleprocedurecommittee.org/forms.php)

**VILLAGE ELECTION SYSTEM EVALUATION**

**Village Election System Evaluation**  
Monday, December 9th  
10:30am

Citizens Nominating Committee election on November 13th. Members of the community are welcome to attend the presentation, after which the League will hold a consensus meeting about the administration of the election. League members only are permitted to participate in the consensus portion of the meeting.

## INTER LEAGUE ORGANIZATION UPDATE

### LWVW? WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The **League of Women Voters of Westchester ("LWVW")**, the **Inter League Organization ("ILO")** to which we all belong, is continuing its active schedule. To be informed of the activities, or to find out what the LWVW does, go to [www.lwvWestchester.org](http://www.lwvWestchester.org), and view the most recent programs, read up on the consensus positions or find out about upcoming events.

#### Video highlights of recent past events:

- September 16th, **Community Forum, The Westchester County/HUD Housing Settlement Agreement**. Find out about the status, requirements and obligations of the settlement by going to <http://vimeo.com/75368104>.
- October 23rd, **Candidates' Forum for County Executive, District Attorney and County Clerk**. Visit [www.lwvWestchester.org](http://www.lwvWestchester.org) to view a complete rebroadcast of the forum.

#### Details of upcoming events that will be listed on the website:

- November 15, **Symposium on the Tappan Zee Bridge**. The Tri-State Transportation Campaign's Symposium, co-sponsored by LWVW & LWVNYS, 9am-1pm, Palisades Center, Rockland County.
- November-December (TBD), **Westchester County Budget Consensus Meeting**. The Westchester County Budget proposal must be submitted by the County Executive no later than November 15. The consensus meeting will be scheduled to allow for LWVW review and subsequent communication from the LWVW to the Board of Legislators before final adoption by the end of 2013.
- December 5, **Holiday Luncheon**. Open to all leaguers throughout Westchester at the Scarsdale Congregational Church, \$30/person. Contact: [kittrosenthal@gmail.com](mailto:kittrosenthal@gmail.com).

## WINTER FUNDRAISER

**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**League of Women Voters of Scarsdale**  
**Annual Winter Fundraiser**

Saturday, January 25, 2014  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Location: 65 Church Lane

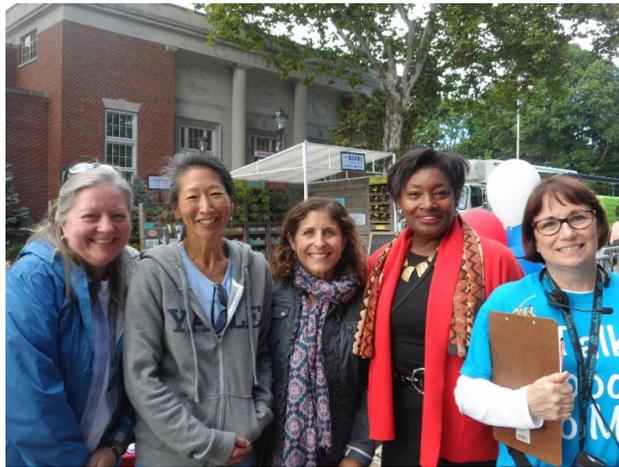
## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Thank you to new members:**

**Allison Beitler, Mona Longman and Joan Mazur**

## SNAPSHOTS OF A VERY BUSY FALL

### VOTER REGISTRATION



**Linda, Susie, Joan, New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Carolyn**

### FALL MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH COFFEE

**Kitt and Renee**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCHEON**



**David Kennedy, Esq.**



**Maggie, Deb and Renee**

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## LWVNY SERVES ON MORELAND COMMISSION

In July, 2013, Barbara Bartoletti, State League Legislative Director, was appointed by Governor Cuomo as one of four special advisors to the Moreland Commission to Investigate Public Corruption. The Commission was established under the Moreland Act and Executive Law Section 63(8), to probe systemic corruption and the appearance of such corruption in state government, political campaigns and elections in New York State.

In addition to investigating possible illegal activities, the Commission is expected to issue a report in December on policy solutions. The State League has joined with four other good government groups to issue a statement urging the Commission to take bold action and push for comprehensive campaign finance measures (CFR). To read this statement [click here](#).

Also as part of the State League's on-going advocacy for CFR, State League President Sally Robinson has submitted testimony directly to the Commission, at the request of the Commission. Emphasizing the League's core mission of seeking equitable participation and transparency in the electoral process, she stated that "while there are federal constitutional limits on the scope and extent of permissible campaign finance regulation, the laws of New York are so deeply flawed that it is clear that they can be extensively improved while still staying well within those constitutional boundaries." Her testimony is a comprehensive and inspiring articulation of the League's long-standing role as monitor of the New York State Board of Elections as well as advocate for other CFR measures. To read her full testimony [click here](#).

## LWVS WEBSITE NEWS

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## LWVS WEBSITE

Visit [LWVS.org](http://LWVS.org) often

Our website is available to help you find information on League matters 24/7! Since the website was relaunched in May of this year, over 35,000 successful requests have been made, including close to 7,000 requests in September alone!

Look for these enhancements coming to the site soon:

- PayPal for dues, donations and event payments
- Access to a gallery of LWVS photos
- Improved design on mobile devices, such as iPhones and iPads

Thanks for helping to make the website a success.



## COMMUNITY LEADERS

**THEY REPRESENT YOU!**  
**Changes effective July 2013**  
**VILLAGE OF SCARSDALE**

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Robert J. Steves, Mayor  
term ends Apr. 2015  
Stacey Brodsky  
2nd term ends Apr. 2015  
Katherine Eisenman  
2nd term ends Apr. 2014  
David Lee  
1st term ends Apr. 2014  
Jonathan Mark  
2nd term ends Apr. 2014  
Thomas B. Martin  
1st term ends Apr. 2015  
William Stern  
1st term ends Apr. 2015

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Suzanne Seiden, President  
2nd term ends June 2016  
Sunil Subbakrishna, V.P.  
1st term ends June 2014  
Mary Beth Gose  
2nd term ends June 2015  
Lewis Leone  
2nd term ends June 2015  
Jonathan Lewis  
1st term ends June 2014  
Leila Shames Maude  
1st term ends June 2016  
William Natbony  
1st term ends June 2016

## QUICK LINKS

[LWVS Website](http://LWVS.org)

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[LWVS President - Susie Rush](#)

[LWVS Website Manager - Nan Berke](#)

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